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FOR NAC AGENCIES; MANILA FOR USADB

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SUBJ: PROPOSED ADB LOAN FOR 2ND POWER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT -
METROPOLITAN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY IN THAILAND

REF: A. MANILA 12780

B. STATE 119795 (JULY 3, 1972)

1. WE SUPPORT USADB FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO NAC REGARDING
SUBJECT PROJECT. IT IS CONSONANT WITH THAI DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES
IN THAT IT PROMOTES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

2. WE NOTE HOWEVER THAT LOAN DOES NOT CONFORM WITH NEW USAID
GUIDELINES WHICH EMPHASIZE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES ARE CLEARLY NEEDED IN BANGKOK. LOAN
WILL FACILITATE FURTHER CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLES AND INDUSTRIES
IN BANGKOK THUS CREATING ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN DEMAND FOR
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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES -- SEWAGE, WATER SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT.

3. NAC SHOULD BE AWARE THAT LOCAL COPPER CABLE FABRICATOR
PHELPS DODGE THAILAND LTD (A US/THAI JOINT VENTURE) CRITICIZED
EARLIER ADB PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES AS UNFAIR TO LOCAL FABRICATORS
WHEN TENDERS WERE OFFERED FOR FINISHED CABLE INSTEAD OF FOR
RAW MATERIALS. IF PRESENT PROJECT, AS CONTEMPLATED, MEETS CABLE
REQUIREMENTS THROUGH RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS, NO COMPLAINTS
EXPECTED. PHELPS DODGE THAILAND CLAIMS THAT MAXIMUM SIZE
CABLE IT CAN PRODUCE IS 69KV.
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